

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3732
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FREEMAN, Jr. et al.) Examiner: O'Connor, Cary E.
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Serial No.: 10/848,929) Confirmation No.: 5694
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Filed: May 18, 2004) <u>COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF</u>
) <u>ALLOWANCE AND EXAMINER'S</u>
Atty. File No.: 1029-358-CIP) <u>AMENDMENT</u>
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For: "EDGEWISE ORTHODONTIC)
BRACKET WITH CHARACTER BASE" (as)
amended))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's notice of allowance of Claims 5-36. Moreover, Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's amendment to the specification, including amendments to the title, description of the drawings and also the Examiner's initialing of the PTO Form 1449 form indicating prior art considered. For clarify purposes, Applicants incorporate by reference their earlier arguments as to the patentability of the now allowed claims, wherein the double patenting rejection was overcome by submission of a Terminal Disclaimer and other §103 rejections were overcome via arguments as presented in the Amendment and Response filed July 10, 2006, which are incorporated herein by this reference. To the extent necessary, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel to address any outstanding concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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